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Examiner: R. LEWIS
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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
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- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for three month(s) and fee of \$475.00
- ☒ Request for Updated Office Action and Interview Summary
- ☒ Return postcard

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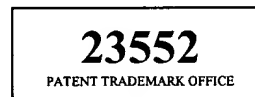
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REQUEST FOR UPDATED OFFICE ACTION AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

Applicant received an Office Action from the Patent Office dated January 22, 2004. The Office Action did not appear to take into consideration Applicant's Amendment re-entered with Applicant's Request for Continued Examination filed on September 23, 2003. Applicant's representative Joshua Randall (Reg. No. 50,719) made repeated attempts to contact Examiner Lewis by telephone to discuss the apparent non-responsive Office Action prior to the three month response date of April 22, 2004, without success. A telephone interview was conducted between the parties (Mr. Randall and Examiner Lewis) June 6, 2004, in which interview the Examiner confirmed that the current Office Action did not address the Amendment re-entered with the RCE. The Examiner agreed to prepare and issue a new/updated Office Action and assured Mr. Randall that no response to the current Office Action would be necessary. To date, a new Office Action has not been received. Applicant hereby requests an updated Office Action from the Patent Office to replace the Office Action dated January 22, 2004.

A three month extension of time is submitted herewith to ensure pendency of the application while the current Request is acted upon. Applicant submits that an extension of time

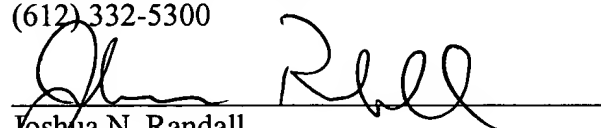
is required at this time only because of the Examiner's lack of response as noted above.
Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests refund of the associated extension fees.

Please contact Applicant's attorney below if a phone conference would be of assistance in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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